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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அரசாங்கம் இதைப் பற்றி பரிசீலனை செய்து தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும்.

MR. SPEAKER: I am extending the question-time till the rest of the questions are answered as to-day is the last day.

Gramasevaks training

* 130 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any selection of candidates for training for the posts of Gramasevaks at the Gramasevaks' Training Centre at Taliparamba on the 28th, 29th and 30th June 1956;

(*b*) the names of the members of the Selection Board;

(*c*) the number of applications received for this training and the number selected; and

(*d*) the minimum qualifications prescribed for this post?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, on the 28th and 29th June 1956.

(*b*) 1. Additional Development Commissioner.

2. Joint Development Commissioner.

3. Assistant Development Commissioner (Training).

4. Collector of Malabar.

5. Srimathi M. Kuttimalu Amma.

(*c*) Number of applications received 1,065. Number selected 80.

(*d*) Completed S.S.L.C.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: The Hon. Minister has just stated that representation has been given to a particular political party in the Selection Board. In view of that, will the Government consider the desirability of giving representation also to the other political parties or people who are interested in that work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The hon. Member would have seen from the answer I have given that only one non-official has been included in that Board. That non-official was appointed not because she represented a particular party but because some non-official interested in the National Extension work was thought of and she was chosen.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Is it a fact that the morning and evening beverage of the Gramasevaks at these Centres is only milk and nothing but milk. If so, is the Hon. Minister aware that it is a costly drink in view of the fact that even the God-given water is not available in many parts of the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have no information, Sir.

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SRI O. KORAN : May I know the number of Harijans selected as Gramasevaks?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : When these posts of Gramasevaks were taken outside the purview of the Public Service Commission, the Hon. Minister stated that one of the reasons was that they required special aptitude on the part of the employees. Did the Government give any general direction as to the nature of the choice and the qualifications of special aptitude in respect of these appointments?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No specific instructions were given but only general instructions were given.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that one of the tests given to the applicants for the posts of Gramasevaks is the running of six miles on mountainous roads and on one occasion an applicant sustained injuries while running. If so, is it done according to the instructions of the Government or according to the instructions of the officers concerned on the spot?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am quite certain that the Government have not issued any such instructions. But regarding what actually happened, I would like to have notice.

Gambling shows

*131 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received any complaints about alleged gambling shows at the Ootacamund Flower Show;

(*b*) whether Government have received any complaints that gaming at cards is going on in gentlemen's clubs all over the State; and

(*c*) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Are the Government aware that in most of these clubs visited by luxurious gentlemen, the main activity is gambling under the guise of playing cards. At the same time if the same thing is indulged in by the poor people in a place fifty yards away, they will be marched to the nearest police court. Therefore, in the name of austerity and ethics, will the Government put an end to that kind of gambling going on in these clubs?

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